



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E. 06-73

September 19, 2006

Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 76 for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of a renewable power supply program.

On August 31, 2006, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 76, filed for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a renewable power supply program for WMECo residential customers. WMECo proposes to implement the Clean Energy Choice®/Western Massachusetts Power of Green Project Fund Program pursuant to a contract with the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation ("MTPC"), the administrator of the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust Fund. Under this proposal, customers will make voluntary, tax-deductible contributions to assist in the development of new sources of energy that are located in WMECo's service territory, derive from renewable resources, and provide benefits to low income consumers or appropriate non-profit agencies. In addition, under the proposal, MTPC will match customer contributions by distributing funds both to the proposed program and to customers' cities and towns for clean energy projects.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on WMECo's proposal. The hearing will take place on **Thursday, October 5, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may appear at the public hearing or submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, October 5, 2006**. Any person seeking to intervene in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, October 5, 2006**. One original and four (4) copies of all written documents must be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one (1) copy of all written documents must be sent to counsel for WMECo, Steven Klionsky, 100 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, (617)345-1066.

A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for a waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and Shaela.Collins@state.ma.us or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 06-73), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Corel Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of WMECo, 100 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, and the offices of the Department, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The petition is also available on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dte>. For further information regarding WMECo's petition, please contact its representative, Steven Klionsky at (617)345-1066. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Shaela Collins, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617)305-3500.